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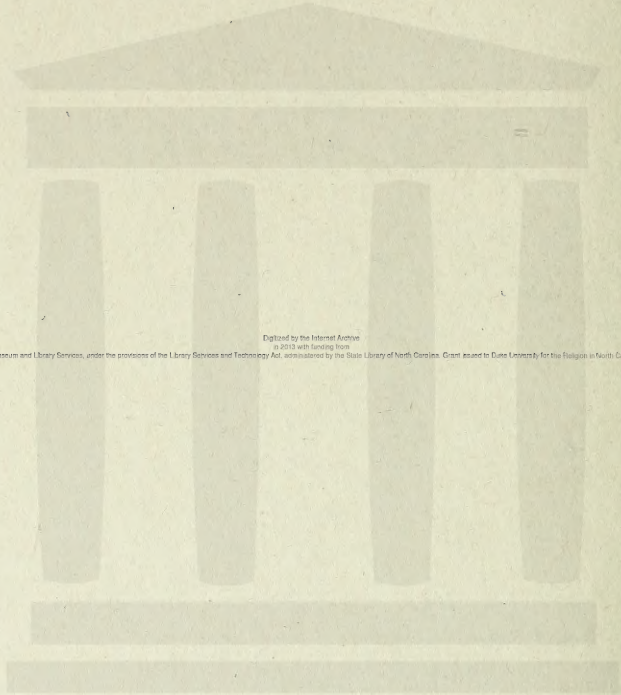

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Raleigh Baptist Association,

COMMENCED AT

ROGERS' M ROADS MEETING HOUSE,

WAKE COUNTY, N. C.

*On the Saturday before the 4th Lord's Day in September,*

1831, *and days following.*

THE Introductory Sermon was delivered by Thomas Crocker, according to appointment, from the 4 v. of the 2 chap. of first Corinthians: "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power."

The Association then convened, prayer being first offered up to Almighty God by Elder James Withers, and proceeded to business.

1. Chose Elder John Purifey Moderator, and Thomas Crocker Clerk, and William R. Hinton Assistant Clerk.

2 Chose brethren Nat. Dunn and Burrel P. Jones a committee of finance, to receive the churches' contributions, and settle with the Treasurer.

3 The letters from the churches composing this Association were handed in, and read, and their standing noted, as follows, viz:

| Churches. | Messengers' Names. | Baptised. | Rec'd by L. | Dismissed | Restored. | Excom'd. | Dec'd. | Total No. | Contrib'on. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Neale's Creek, | Letter, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 00 |
| Wake ⋈ Reads, | Jn. Purify, Edm. Withers | 95 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 209 | 3 | 70 |
| Wake Bethel, | Lewis Dupree, | 14 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 41 | 2 | 25 |
| Cool Spring, | B. P. Jones, R. Hartsfield | 12 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 41 | 1 | 00 |
| Wake Union, | S Abernathy, A.S. Wynne | 33 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 71 | 2 | 00 |
| Haywood's, | James Longon, | 32 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 105 | 2 | 00 |
| Cedar Fork, | John Hill, | 18 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 94 | 2 | 00 |
| Raleigh, | Willaim R. Hinton, | 16 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 181 | 3 | 00 |
| Wake Liberty, | Aug. Norwood D. Jestice | 25 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 2 | 00 |
| Mount Pisgah, | H. Williams, Jno. Ragan, | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 89 | 2 | 00 |
| Cumb. Union, | Timothy Spence, | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 1 | 00 |
| Shady Grove, | Green Beckwith, | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 1 | 00 |
| Holly Spring, | Nedam Norris, | 69 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 133 | 2 | 65 |
| Piny Grove, | James Betts, | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 1 | 90 |
| Flat Rock, | W. Mitchell, S. G. Jeffers | 34 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 2 | 00 |
| Poplar Spring, | H. W. Tharp, N. Dunn, | 68 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 112 | | |

4. An invitation was given to corresponding messengers to hand in their certificates, or letters; whereupon Elder William Allen and bro. B. Pennell, from the Cape Fear Association, presented us with one copy of their Minutes, which certified their appointment, and took seats accordingly—Also, brother Henry Austen, from the Neuse, presented a Letter and one copy of their Minutes—Also, Elders James Wethers and James Ferrel, and brother D. Hall, from the Flat River, presented us a certificate of their appointment, all which brethren were cordially invited to seats.

5. On motion, the visiting brethren were also invited, whereupon Elder James Dennis and bro. Geo. W. Purify came forward and took seats.

6. Appointed Elders James Dennis, Thomas Crocker, and bro Henry Austen a committee to arrange the business of the Association, and report on Monday next.

7 Circular Letter was called for and read, and referred to the committee of arrangement.

8. Appointed Elders William B. Worrel, Jas. Dennis

and Thos. Crocker to preach on Sunday, and divine service to commence at 10 o'clock—Then adjourned until Monday Morning, 10 o'clock—Prayer by Elder Jas. Ferrel.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 O'Clock.

Elder Worrell being absent Elder Ferrel supplied his place; and preached to a large and attentive congregation from the first part of the 16 v, of the 16 chap. of St. Mark's Gospel, "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved" Thos. Crocker followed from the 1 v of the 7 chap. of Ecclesiastes, "A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of one's birth" Elder Dennis closed from 10 & 11 v. of the 3 chap. of the Prophet Isaiah. "Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings—Woe unto the wicked, it shall be ill with him, for the work of his hands shall be given him."—The word of truth appeared to be clothed with divine power, and we pray that a blessing may follow.

MONDAY, 10 o'clock.

The Association met, and after prayer by Elder Dennis, proceeded to business.

1. List of the messengers' names was called.

2. The select committee reported and were discharged.

3. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum were called for, but were not present.

4 The corresponding messengers who were appointed to the different associations reported and were discharged.

5. The brethren appointed to wait upon the church at Hipziba to enquire into the cause of their not representing themselves in the association, reported that they give them no answer.

6. On motion, it was unanimously agreed that Elder John Purify and William R. Hinton, with Needam Norris be appointed to wait on the church at Hipziba again, and obtain from them some satisfactory answer.

7. The committee to whom the Circular Letter was referred reported that they did most heartily concur with it's

contents, and recommended its reception—It was accordingly received, and ordered to be printed with these minutes.

8. As one or more of the members of the Little River Association has intimated a wish to be reconciled to the Raleigh Association, it was agreed that Elder John Puriefy, brethren Wm. R Hinton and Augusten Norwood be appointed a committee to wait on the said association and labor with them for that purpose, and report to our next association.

9. The churches at Haywood, Poplar Spring and Flat Rock, petitioned through their letters for letters of dismission from this association, to join the Tar River association, which letters of dismission were granted, and the Clerk ordered to prepare the same

10. Appointed Thomas Crocker our Treasurer.

11. The committee of finance reported that they received from the churches this year $29 47½.

12 The Treasurer reported that he had in his hands $6 00. but that he, as their Treasurer, owed the sum of $6 00 to Elder P. W Dowd, and that there is now in his hands the sum of $29 47½.

13. Appointed Thos Crocker a corresponding messenger to the Flat River and Country Line associations; bro. John Hill to the Sandy Creek; Geo. W Puriefy to the Neuse, and brethren Timothy Spence and Stephen Center to the Cape Fear.

14. Appointed bro. William R Hinton to write a Circular for our next minutes, and choose his own subject.

15. Appointed Thos. Crocker to superintend the printing of these minutes, and have 400 copies printed, and distribute them as usual.

16. Appointed the next association at Shady Grove M. H. Wake County, N. C. to commence the Saturday before the first Lord's day in November, 1832.

17 Appointed Elder Stephen Center to preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure Elder P. W. Dowd; and divine service to commence at 11 o'clock.

18. Ordered that the Clerk be paid 12 50 for his services.

*A Table of the Ministers belonging to the Raleigh Association.*

| ORDAINED MINISTERS: | LICENCED MINISTERS: |
|---|---|
| John Puriefy, | George W. Puriefy, |
| Stephen Center, | Randolph Redding, |
| Ezekiel Trice, | John Coker, |
| Thomas Crocker, | Patrick Conally, |
| Jonathan Stephenson, | William R. Hinton, |
| P. W. Dowd, | Wiliam Dupree. |

*To the Churches which compose the Raleigh Baptist Association.*

BELOVED BRETHREN— As our custom is at the close of each session to address you by way of Circular, in our present we think proper to address you on the subject of Christian Vigilance; and also to urge upon you the necessity of the possession of a spirit that will untiringly prompt you to the same. Our Lord expressly told his disciples that they were the salt of the earth, (Mat. 5 ch. 13 v ) viz: that he designed them to be the saviour of the world, not primarily or officially, but instrumentally—how then are they to become the active instruments in the conversion of the world, unless they all, like a band of brothers of one mind, engage with one heart in the holy work? To further evince this great truth, that this is the office assigned them, our Lord says, in the same chap. 14 v. Ye are the light of the world; a city that is set on a hill cannot be hid—and further, in the 15 & 16 v. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light to all that are in the house; Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven. It is not enough, brethren, that you live a holy, pious, devoted life, and that the wicked, by looking upon you, be constrained to believe you have been with

believe that it is alone the diligent soul that shall be made fat, and when out of the footsteps of the flock we have no right to expect our souls to be fed with divine food; moreover we are expressly told that when Zion travails she brings forth children. If this interesting truth is positively expressed, its counterpart is equally positively implied, to wit: that when Zion does not travail children will not be born to God; we should therefore dread the awful probability of our skirts being stained with sinners' blood; and with one mind and one consent arise from this state of apathy and shake off this spirit of moral supineness. Do we say with one mind? We do; for we esteem it important that we be of one mind; for how will our great work of evangelizing the world be impeded, while a part of our brethren set by in a state of perfect indolence; and while others are engaged heart and hand to further the great cause, they are not only suspicioning them of wicked design, but also charging them of having the most wicked purposes in view. Brethren, for the Lord's sake, and for the sake of your own souls, and for the sake of the souls of dying sinners, if you are determined to lie still yourselves, and let poor sinners stumble over you into hell, dont get in the way of your brethren, who are determined to devote their property and their lives to the cause—they have enough to bear without having you as a dead weight upon their souls, and against whom they will be obliged to bear witness in the great day of accounts. Oh! brethren, this opposition (let your excuse appear as plausible to you as it may) comes not from above, but we hesitate not to say that it is earthly and sensual, and savors not of the things that belong to God, but of men. Oh that God would give us grace to enable us to keep the unity of the spirit, in the bonds of peace; and that we may move forward in the great cause of God, being of one mind.

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